

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN  
Department of History

Semester I Year 82-83

<u>COURSE NO.</u>	<u>COURSE TITLE</u>	<u>INSTRUCTOR</u>
104	Introduction to East Asia: Japan	Dower

COURSE DESCRIPTION (tentative)

History 104 offers a broad survey of major developments in Japanese history from ancient to recent times. Approximately equal time is given to the following five chronological periods:

Ancient Japan & the Courtly Society (earliest times to 12th century)  
The Age of the Samurai (12th to 19th century)  
The Emergence of the Modern State (19th and 20th century)  
The Road to Pearl Harbor  
Post-1945 Japan

Lectures and readings range widely over cultural, social, political and economic developments, and considerable use is made of slides and movies. Examinations are weighted toward essay questions, and students are also required to submit several short essays based on monographic studies or Japanese "primary materials" (literature, etc.) in translation.

LECTURES

12:05 MWF plus regular discussion sections

WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS and EXAMINATIONS

six weeks exam, final exam, and several short book reviews/essays

GRADING SYSTEM

six week exam 20% final exam 40%, essays 40%

REQUIRED READINGS

Arthur E. Tiedemann, ed. An Introduction to Japanese Civilization (Heath, 1974).

Mikiso Hane, Peasants, Rebels, and Outcasts (Pantheon, 1972).

Plus miscellaneous short assigned readings

a rough prospectus of class sessions is attached

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INTRODUCTION TO JAPANESE HISTORY: A TOPICAL BREAKDOWN

1. Introduction: Course Requirements. The Natural Setting of Japan
2. An Overview of Chronology & Themes in Japanese History
3. Prehistoric Cultures: Jomon & Yayoi
4. The Imperial Line & the Ancient State (Tomb period; Prince Shotoku; Taika Reform)
5. Shinto [movie]
6. Buddhism
7. The Courtly Society of Heian Japan
8. The World of the Shining Prince [slides]
9. Rise of the Warrior Class (through the Kamakura period, ending 1333)
10. High Feudalism (Ashikaga & Sengoku periods, 14th-16th century)
11. Buddhism in the Middle Ages: The Faith Sects and Zen
12. Bushido, the Way of the Warrior
13. The "Christian Century" 1549-1650
14. "Centralized Feudalism": the Tokugawa Shogunate
15. The Floating World in Late Feudal Japan
  
16. 6-weeks exam
  
17. The Feudal Legacy to Modern Japan
18. The Meiji Restoration
19. Emergence of the Modern State: Reform & Reaction in Meiji Japan
20. Emergence of the Modern Economy
21. Westernization & the Crisis of National Identity
22. "A Century of Japanese Imperialism" [movie]
23. The Imperialist Thrust: A Thematic Overview
24. The Imperialist Thrust: Overseas Expansion, 1894 to World War I
25. "Taisho Democracy" & the Flowering of Bourgeois Culture [slides]
26. Worker & Farmer in the early 20th century
27. The Domestic Crisis & Rise of the "Radical Right"
28. The International Crisis and Ascendancy of the Military
29. The Road to Pearl Harbor
30. "Know Your Enemy: Japan" [movie]
31. War & Japanese Society
32. The Atomic Bombs & Japan's Surrender